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SUBJECT:ESCAP - ECON PLANNING MEETING

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1. THIS IS FIRST OF SERIES OF MESSAGES PROVIDING GUIDANCE
FOR SUBJECT MEETING.

2. AS INDICATED IN PREFACE (E/CN.11/DP/6.01) 15 DOCUMENTS
L.1 TO L.15 COMPRISE ESCAP REPORT TO US SECRETARIAT FOR
MID-TERM (1975) REVIEW AND APPRAISAL (R AND A) OF PROGRESS
MADE UNDER INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (IDS) DURING
FIRST HALF OF UN DEVELOPMENT DECADE II. REPORT IS BUT ONE
OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED SUBMISSIONS TO UN BY DEVELOPED AND
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND REGIONAL AND OTHER UN ORGANIZA-
TIONS. USG IS SUBMITTING ITS REPORTS TO UN IN STAGES. WE
HOPE ESCAP AND OTHER APPRAISALS WILL BE AS FACTUAL AND
SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE.

3. US HAS SUPPORTED THE IDS SINCE ITS INCEPTION AND CON-
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TINUES TO DO SO THOUGH IT RESERVED ON TIME FRAME FOR REACH-

ING SEVEN-TENTHS AND ONE PERCENT ASSISTANCE TARGETS. US WISHES ENCOURAGE FULL PARTICIPATION OF OTHERS IN R AND A RESPONSE TO SYG REQUEST. EVEN THOUGH WE MAY NOT AGREE WITH

SOME OF THE FORMULATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS DRAWN BY THE SECRETARIAT, WE ARE PLEASED THAT ESCAP HAS PREPARED AN EXTENSIVE SUBMISSION INDICATING ITS SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO R AND A UNDER THE IDS. WE WISH INsofar AS POSSIBLE TO

FOCUS ATTENTION ON AND KEEP DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS CHanneLED WITHIN IDS.

4. WE OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPTS TO REPLACE IDS IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITH THE PROGRAM OF ACTION AND DECLARATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER THAT CAME OUT OF THIS YEAR'S SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA. US CONSIDERS DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION DO NOT RPT NOT REPRESENT AGREED, UNANIMOUS CONCLUSIONS ON WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. US POSITION IS BASED ON SWEEPING AND DETAILED RESERVATIONS OR OTHER QUALIFICATIONS INTRODUCED INTO RECORD BY DELEGATES OF 19 DC'S AT TIME OF ADOPTION THESE RESOLUTIONS (RESES) IN SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION. BECAUSE OF ACCUMULATED WEIGHT OF RESERVATIONS ON ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE, US REJECTS CONTENTION THAT RESES WERE "ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS" OR REFLECT CONSENSUS OF VIEWS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. (RECORD REFLECTS ADOPTION OF RESES SIMPLY "WITHOUT VOTE.")

WHILE NOT OBJECTING TO ADOPTION OF RESES WITHOUT VOTE USDEL AT SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION MADE LENGTHY STATEMENT DETAILING MAJOR OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFIC ELEMENTS OF THE TWO RESES THOUGH, AS WITH OTHER DC INTERVENTIONS, NOT DETAILING ALL RPT ALL SPECIFIC ELEMENTS UNACCEPTABLE TO US.

5. A. BECAUSE OF ABSENCE REAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LDC/MAJOR DC'S ON SUBSTANCE OF RESES AND OUR SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS, US OPPOSES ACCEPTANCE OF DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION AS THE BASIS FOR CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS BILATERALLY OR THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. WE OPPOSE CALLS TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ACTION OR TO CONSTRAIN GOVERNMENTS TO BE GUIDED BY PRINCIPLES OF DECLARATION. ON OTHER HAND WE ACKNOWLEDGE IMPORTANCE OF DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION AS MAJOR STATEMENTS OF ECON POLICY GOALS OF LDC'S AND IN THIS CONTEXT WE ARE WILLING SEE RESES TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN PURSUIT OF SOLUTIONS TO CRITICAL INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. WE ARE PREPARED TO EXAMINE WITH OTHERS THE ISSUES INCLUDED IN PROGRAM OF ACTION AND DISCUSS OUR DIF-

FERENCES WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. IN SUM WE ACCEPT RESES AS IDENTIFYING LDC ECONOMIC POLICY CONCERNS BUT WE DO NOT RPT NOT ACCEPT IN TOTALITY THE POLICY PRESCRIPTIONS THEY ENUNCIATE OR THAT DC'S ARE OBLIGED TO CARRY THEM ALL OUT.

B. US ACCEPTS THAT CERTAIN ASPECTS OF RESES OF SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION AND OF SUBSEQUENT RESES ADOPTED BY OTHER UN BODIES ARE BINDING ON INTERANTIONAL SECRETARIATS (VIS ESCAP) AND WE WILL NOT OPPOSE THE CARRYING OUT BY SECRE-TARIATS OF ACTIVITIES SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED OF THEM BY APPROPRIATE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES WHICH RELATE TO THEIR OWN WORK PROGRAMS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE. HOWEVER, IF FACED (1) WITH PROPOSAL CALLING FOR SECRETARIAT ACTION UNDER TERMS OF DECLARATION OF PROGRAM OF ACTION OR (2) PRO-POSAL WHICH DESCRIBED SUCH ACTIVITY AS AN ELEMENT IN ACH-IEVING IMPLEMENTATION OF DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION IN THEIR TOTALITY, USDEL MUST RESPECTIVELY ABSTAIN OR OPPOSE. IN PRESENT CONTEXT USDEL SHOULD SEEK FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM DEPT IF THIS ISSUE ARISES.

C. US ALSO OPPOSES EFFORTS TO LABEL ESTABLISHED ON-GOING PROGRAMS OF UN AS, THROUGH METAMORPHOSIS, CARRYING OUT THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION. PROPOSED REFERENCES TO THE TWO RESES SHOULD BE EXAMINED FOR RELEVANCE, AND A SPRINKLING OF TEXTUAL LINKAGES TO THE RESES SHOULD BE OPPOSED. ON OTHER HAND WE CAN ACCEPT A UN BODY TAKING COGNIZANCE OF RESES AND TAKING THEM INTO ACCOUNT IN ITS WORK WHEN ITS WORK IS PERTINENT TO ISSUES COVERED IN DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION. WE HAVE IN SEVERAL BODIES WORKED TOWARD FINDING MINIMALLY ACCEPTABLE TEXTS IN ORDER TO AVOID MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE RESES WHICH, OVER OUR OBJECTIONS, WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE STATURE OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION.

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